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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT: Meeting with Robert Harris, Counsel for the Senate Labor Subcommittee Regarding S. 1779**

1. On this date I met with Mr. Harris to discuss further the status of S. 1779 and to provide him with a draft of a suggested new section 7 to S. 1779. Senator Yarborough's bill to establish an international health, education and labor foundation to provide open support for activities in these and other welfare fields.

2. Mr. Harris advised me that no further action has been taken on S. 1779 and no plans have been formulated with respect to future action. He added that they had still not decided whether they will require reports from Government departments and agencies and if so, when. In this connection I asked Harris whether the Subcommittee staff had been in touch with Jim Clarke, of the Bureau of the Budget, on this subject. Harris said he had suggested to Staff Assistant Reid Martin that contact be made with Clarke but he was not certain whether Martin had been in touch with him.

3. I provided Mr. Harris with a copy of our suggested revision of section 7 of S. 1779, having to do with the prohibition against "intelligence gathering." I reviewed with Harris again the problems which the existing language would cause this Agency, particularly in connection with our Domestic Contact Service program. I pointed out again that section 7 as originally written would appear to create problems for other Government agencies (such as the Department of Agriculture) having a legitimate interest in obtaining information from recipients of grants provided pursuant to the Act. I also touched on the following points:

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(a) CIA is not the action agency concerned in connection with the funding of organizations previously subsidized by CIA;

(b) the Rusk Committee presumably held its final meeting last Thursday on this same subject (Senators Russell and Milton Young and Representatives Rivers and Mahon - also a Texan - are members of the Rusk Committee and persons with whom Senator Yarborough (D., Texas) might wish to discuss this subject; and

(c) we were dealing with him on an informal basis in attempting to eliminate what appeared to be a general problem regarding section 7, as well as a specific problem for our Agency.

4. Mr. Harris stated again, as he has said before, that he appreciated our position and our reasons for approaching him regarding section 7. He read the proposed language very quickly and appeared to be satisfied with it although he obviously did not study it in any detail. I think it is entirely possible that Senator Yarborough will defer any final action on S. 1779 until next year, unless some unexpected pressure is brought to bear or unless some incident re-focuses attention on the problem.

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